

Charles J. Schoennagel, Jr.

Charles Schoennagel graduated from the University of New Orleans in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Science. Since then he has taken over 36 hours of post-graduate courses in Petroleum Engineering in the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Schoennagel started his career with the Department of Interior (DOI), United States Geological Survey (USGS) in 1973 as a Petroleum Engineer. In 1982 the offshore portion of USGS responsibilities was placed in the newly created DOI Minerals Management Service (MMS). Mr. Schoennagel has worked for DOI in numerous capacities for both USGS and MMS related to the regulations of the offshore oil and gas industry.

His current position as the Deputy Regional Director of the MMS's Gulf of Mexico Region requires that he work with all aspects of regulating the offshore oil and gas industry including pre-lease seismic activities, lease issuance, exploration, development, production, and lease abandonment. In the last couple of years Mr. Schoennagel has become very involved with noise in the oceans issues as related to high-energy seismic surveys and the explosive removals of offshore structures.